

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM TO

Admiral W. S. DeLany
Chairman
Economic Defense Advisory Committee

Subject: Review of Multilateral Export Controls on Trade with Communist China.


1. Reference is Economic Defense Advisory Committee report dated February 29, 1956, subject "Review of Multilateral Export Controls on Trade with Communist China" which was submitted to the Chairman, CFEP on March 1, 1956.

2. It is requested that EDAC arrange the items in Annex A of reference report (excepting the 34 items of least military significance in Tab A-1) into three groups based on the ascending order of strategic and economic importance to Communist China as follows:

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- a. The items or functional categories of least significance;
 - b. The items or functional categories of average significance;
 - c. The items or functional categories of greatest significance.

3. Those items appearing on pages 43 and 44 of Tab A-1 of reference report should be included in items or functional categories of least significance. From the items collected by these instructions, select those which represent the best interests of the Free World, taking into consideration the material in Annex B of reference report.

4. Using the foregoing, prepare for consideration by the Council on Foreign Economic Policy a recommended United States negotiating position to be used in negotiations with the United Kingdom and other countries.


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